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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/22/2007 has been entered.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 5 and 6 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 5, line 1 recites "Web access providing system according to claim 3 or 4". It should recite "Web access providing system according to claim 4" instead because claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 6, line 2 recites "any one of claims 1 – 4". It should recite "any one of claims 1 or 4" instead because claims 2 – 3 have been cancelled.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. Claim 1 recites the limitation "the subscriber number" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
6. For purposes of prior art rejection the examiner interprets "the subscriber number" as being "the called subscriber number".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1, 4, 5, 6/1, 6/4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ono et al. (JP2001-238259).

Regarding claim 1, Ono discloses a Web access providing system comprising Web connecting means for, in response to a call from a calling subscriber terminal to a called subscriber terminal, sending a URL to connect the call to a Web page associated with said called subscriber terminal, said URL being associated with the subscriber number including

the telephone number and mail address pre-registered in said called subscriber terminal and being stored in said called subscriber terminal, whereby said system allows said calling subscriber terminal to access said Web page (Ono: Paragraph 0054, line 1 through Paragraph 0025, line 5), and authentication means for performing authentication of the subscriber number of said calling subscriber terminal in response to said call, wherein said Web connecting means connects said call to said Web page associated with said called subscriber terminal depending on the result of said authentication by said authentication means, and the authentication by said authentication means verifies that the subscriber number of said calling subscriber terminal is contained in a subscriber number list associated with said called subscriber terminal (Ono: Paragraph 0026, line 1 through Paragraph 0029, line 3).

Regarding claim 4, Ono discloses wherein said subscriber number list is a telephone directory stored in said called subscriber terminal (Ono: Paragraph 0026, line 1 through Paragraph 0029, line 3, whereas the server control section checks the calling subscriber number).

Regarding claim 5, Ono discloses wherein said authentication is performed in said called subscriber terminal (server control section; Ono: Paragraph 0026, line 1 through Paragraph 0027, line 7).

Regarding claims 6/1 and 6/4, Ono discloses wherein said call from said calling subscriber terminal to said called subscriber terminal is accessed in multiple access which allows multiple separate

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communication channels to be provided separately from each other (multiple telephone number can be associated with a particular URL; Ono: Paragraph 0024, lines 1 – 11).

Regarding claim 7, the claim is interpreted and rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 6.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4 – 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Un C. Cho whose telephone number is (571) 272-7919. The examiner can normally be reached on M ~ F 8:00AM to 4:30PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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